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SUBJECT: ROC OPERA TROUPE VISIT TO US

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1. POLCOUNS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR KUAN, DIRECTOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, AND CHU CHIN-KANG, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT MAY 9 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REF A. CHU SAID GROC MINDFUL OF ITS COMMITMENT TO CONSULT IN ADVANCE WITH USG, HENCE ROC EMBASSY WASHINGTON APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT TO INFORM OF OPERA TROUPE'S SEATTLE VISIT UNDER GROC SPONSORSHIP. REMAINDER OF ITINERARY CANNOT BE CONVEYED AT THIS TIME SINCE NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORED PORTION OF TOUR STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH SHAW CONCERT MANAGEMENT IN NEW YORK. CHU SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PERFORMANCES IN CHICAGO, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, AND "SOME SOUTHERN CITIES" WERE BEING CONSIDERED. HE PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS ITINERARY BECOMES FIRMER, NOTING ROC INFORMATION OFFICE IN NEW YORK ASSISTING IN NEGOTIATIONS. KUAN ASKED WHETHER DEPARTMENT'S QUERY INDICATED PRC TROUPE LIKELY TO BE IN US DURING OCTOBER-DECEMBER PERIOD. POL COUNS SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THAT ASPECT.

2. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY IN

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DECEMBER 1972 (TAIPEI 6098), MOFA VICE MINISTER TSAI WEI-PING SAID EVEN THOUGH GOVERNMENT DOES RECOGNIZE

THE UNDESIRABILITY OF SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF ROC AND PRC
GROUPS IN THE SAME CITY AND WILL WORK WITH USG IN TRYING
TO AVOID IT, NEVERTHELESS IT CANNOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR MONITORING COMMERCIAL TOURS BY PERFORMING GROUPS FROM
TAIWAN. CHU DID NOT MAKE THIS POINT TODAY, BUT OUR READING
OF THE RECORD LEADS US TO BELIEVE GROC PROBABLY SEES ITS
COMMITMENT AS SOMEWHAT LOOSER THAN THAT STATED REF A.
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